

# 12 DAYS \_ HIGHLIGHT OF THAILAND, LAO & CAMBODIA

**Thailand (Bangkok) Laos (Vientiane, Luang Prabang) Cambodia (Siem Reap)**

## **1. OVERVIEW:**

*This exciting journey starts off in Thailand before digging deeper into South East Asia's less visited countries of Laos and Cambodia. Discover the glittering Grand Palace in Bangkok and enter the temple ruins in Ayuthaya for a glimpse into what was once the world's leading capital. Following days to Laos will tell the story of its rich culture and heritage. The Vientiane capital with sacred stupas and old buildings reminds the mood of French colonial days. A slow boat along the Mekong River passing ethnic minority villages nearby will also showcase the country's diversity. Relax in the cool turquoise water of Kuang Si Fall before continue to make your way further south to Cambodia, where we discover the buzzing capital city of Siem Reap and the epic temples of Angkor.*

## **2. ITINERARY IN BRIEF**

DAY	ITINERARY
1	BANGKOK ARRIVAL
2	BANGKOK FULL DAY HIGHLIGHTS
3	BANGKOK FULL DAY AYUTHAYA BY COACH & CRUISE
4	BANGKOK TO LAOS BY FLIGHT
5	VIEN TIANE FULL DAY CITY TOUR
6	VIENTIANE - LUANG PRABANG
7	LUANG PRABANG FULL DAY CITY TOUR
8	LUANG PRABANG - FULL DAY KHUANG SI WATERFALL & BAN CHAN
9	LUANG PRABANG - SIEM REAP ARRIVAL
10	FULL DAY ANGKOR TOUR
11	FULL DAY BENG MEALEA AND BANTEAY SREI
12	SIEM REAP DEPARTURE

### **DAY 1: BANGKOK ARRIVAL**

Welcome to Bangkok! When you're arrival at Bangkok international airport, your guide will greet you and escort you to the hotel. The driving distance is approximately 45 minutes. Check in hotel and leisure

**Accommodation: Overnight at hotel in Bangkok (3\*, 4\* or 5\*)**

### **DAY 2: BANGKOK FULL DAY HIGHLIGHTS**

Today, enjoy a full day city tour including the Royal Grand Palace, the nation's landmark and most praised royal monument in Thailand, the enclosed and dazzling Wat Phra Keo with its revered Emerald Buddha, the Golden Chedi, the Pantheon of the Chakri Kings and the Eight Coloured Towers, all are must-see highlights in Bangkok. It is considered to be a living example of classical Siamese Court, being the former residence of the kings of Thailand.

Next, you'll visit Wat Pho – the first centre of public education and 'Thailand's first university' where you will find mural paintings, inscriptions, and statues placed in the temple-educated people on different subjects such as literature, warfare, archaeology, astronomy, geology, meditation. You're then offered the Thai traditional massage with a 30-minutes treatment as an excellent break after a morning tour.

In the afternoon, experience a trip along the bustling Chao Phya River and the quiet Klongs (canals) in a long tail boat. The tour shows you more scenes of life by water, more local traditional way of living that totally away from all the high-rise and modern buildings of Bangkok City. As we gently pass Thonburi residential areas, a stop will be made at the "Temple of Dawn" (officially named Wat Arun). Next, visit the Flower and vegetable market that closed to the Chao Phraya River, this part brings you to a rural piece of Bangkok where there is a vast selection of all kinds of flowers, orchids and tropical flowers. You also see how the merchants create very special flower garlands. This Bangkok day ends at the Golden Mountain. Photography is permitted in the Royal Palace Grounds and in the compounds of the Emerald Buddha Temple, but not inside the buildings.

Note: Please dress respectfully by not wearing sleeveless, shorts or sandals, when visiting the Grand Palace and temple complex.

**Meal: Breakfast**

**Accommodation: Overnight at hotel in Bangkok (3\*, 4\* or 5\*)**

### **DAY 3: BANGKOK FULL DAY AYUTHAYA BY COACH & CRUISE**

Morning, visit the former capital of Thailand, Ayuthaya, located approximately 75km north of Bangkok. The mixing cultures in Ayuthaya began in the mid-16<sup>th</sup> century when ships from Ayuthaya plied the Asian seas and traded with neighboring countries. Ayuthaya became a port city and trading routes extended to China, Japan, Indonesia, Portugal, Holland and France and up to the Scandinavian when the Dutch showed up in the 17<sup>th</sup> century.

Although the ancient villages of foreign traders lining the Chao Phraya riverbanks were abandoned when the city was sacked by Burmese troops in 1767, some remnants survive to showcase the cities past glory. Arrival, start at the Summer Palace of the late King Rama V, commonly known as "Bang Pa-In". Move on to the magnificent ruins of early splendor that Ayuthaya is famous for all over the world. We will pass all the most impressive ruins of this World Heritage Site for taking sufficient pictures. We then return to Bangkok by cruising down the Chao Phraya River on a comfortable, air-conditioned cruise ship, while enjoying a sumptuous buffet lunch on board. Upon arrival at the disembarkation point in Bangkok in the late afternoon, we drive you back to your hotel.

Note: Kindly be aware that proper attire is required to enter the Summer Palace compounds; staff will be pleased to advise you accordingly

**Meal: Breakfast**

**Accommodation: Overnight at hotel in Bangkok (3\*, 4\* or 5\*)**

#### **DAY 4: BANGKOK – VIENTIANE BY FLIGHT**

After breakfast, you will check out the hotel and then transfer to the airport for flight to Vientiane.

Welcome to Laos! please go to custom desk as your first point of entry to get visa-on-arrival into the country and pay stamping fees directly by cash to custom office there then guide will pick you up outside and transfer to the city for check in.

Your private vehicle and guide transfer you to hotel for check in. The driving distance is approximately 30 minutes.

**Meal: Breakfast**

**Accommodation: Overnight at hotel in Vientiane (3\*, 4\* or 5\*)**

#### **DAY 5: VIEN TIANE FULL DAY CITY TOUR**

Meet at hotel, explore Vientiane including some main temples such as Vat Ho Prakeo used to be the house of the Emerald Buddha and Wat Sisaket crossing the street and where more than ten thousand of Buddha images are being placed. We continue to Pratuxai, it was Arc the Triumph of France. Afterwards, climb up to the top to get a great view of the city. End the tour with the visit to Golden Stupa, well known as That Luang Stupa and believed to contain a relic of Lord Buddha.

Afternoon, we continue to visit Lao Revolutionary Museum where you'll learn and get to know what happened during the French colonial time, and during the reign of the King Anou and Chao Fa Ngum. Visit Ban Nong Bouathong the weaving village, to get to know how people feed worms for the silk and lots of the Lao textiles.

**Meal: Breakfast**

**Accommodation: Overnight at hotel in Vientiane (3\*, 4\* or 5\*)**

#### **DAY 6: VIENTIANE - LUANG PRABANG**

Today you are free until meet our guide & driver then transfer to airport for flight to Luang Prabang. Flight time is approximately 50 minutes.

Meet your driver for an airport transfer with a private vehicle and guide. Check in hotel

**Meal: Breakfast**

**Accommodation: Overnight at hotel in Luang Prabang (3\*, 4\* or 5\*)**

#### **DAY 7: LUANG PRABANG FULL DAY CITY TOUR**

Morning, explore Luang Prabang including the former royal temples, Wat Visun where one can see the Biggest statue, Wat Xieng Thong the most beautiful temple in Luang Prabang with its mosaic decoration and the former royal carriage. Next, visit the Museum (former king's palace).

Afternoon, continue a visit at Photisak silver shop, and Minority Art centre. You also learn how different type of minority groups in Laos, their ways of living, and their survival. End of tour, climb up Mt Phousi overlooking the city of Luang Prabang before passing by the night market. Back to your hotel

**Meal: Breakfast**

**Accommodation: Overnight at hotel in Luang Prabang (3\*, 4\* or 5\*)**

### **DAY 8: LUANG PRABANG - FULL DAY KHUANG SI WATERFALL & BAN CHAN**

Morning, take a boat cruise on the Mekong River to visit the picturesque village of Ban Chan, a pottery village. On the way, a stop will be made to visit the morning Phousi Market, where you will see such diverse offerings as dried buffalo skin, local tea and saltpeter among the chickens, vegetables and hill-tribe weavings. Visit local villages of Laos ethnic minority groups at Ban Ouay, a Hmong village, Ban Ou a Laoloum village and Ban Thapene, a Khmu village. These villages have specialized in manufacturing and selling products made from silk and Saa paper for many years ago. You'll see different kinds of Laos' traditional crafts.

In the afternoon, go to see the beautiful Khuang Si Waterfall, located 30km south of Luang Prabang. You can cool off with a refreshing swim in the pools and hike around the falls if wanted. Return to Luang Prabang late afternoon.

**Meal: Breakfast**

**Accommodation: Overnight at hotel in Luang Prabang (3\*, 4\* or 5\*)**

### **DAY 9: LUANG PRABANG - SIEM REAP ARRIVAL**

You are free at leisure until transfer to the airport for flight from Luang Prabang to Siem Reap – Cambodia.

Welcome to Cambodia! Arrival airport, please go to custom desk as your first point of entry to get visa-on-arrival into the country and pay stamping fees directly by cash to custom office there then guide will pick you up outside and transfer to the city for check in

Your private vehicle and guide transfer you to hotel for check in. The driving distance is approximately 30 minutes.

**Meal: Breakfast**

**Accommodation: Overnight at hotel in Siem Reap (3\*, 4\* or 5\*)**

### **DAY 10: FULL DAY ANGKOR THOM & ANGKOR WAT TOUR**

Today, visit to the antique capital of Angkor Thom, built in the 12th century: the South Gate with its huge statues depicting the churning of the ocean of milk, the Bayon Temple, unique for its 54 towers decorated with over 200 smiling faces of Avolokitesvara, the Phimeanakas, the Royal Enclosure, the Elephants Terrace and the Terrace of the Leper King.

After a short your rest, you will visit the most famous of all the temples on the plain of Angkor: Angkor Wat. The temple complex covers 81 hectares and is comparable in size to the Imperial Palace in Beijing. Its distinctive five towers are emblazoned on the Cambodian flag. This masterpiece is considered by art historians to be the prime example of classical Khmer art and architecture. Angkor Wat's five towers symbolize Meru's five peaks - the enclosed wall represents the mountains at the edge of the world and the surrounding moat, the ocean beyond. End of day take a relaxing stopover at Prasat Chrung visiting Tadev Hole and temple with the best Sunset. Return to your hotel and end of the tour

**Meal: Breakfast**

**Accommodation: Overnight at hotel in Siem Reap (3\*, 4\* or 5\*)**

### DAY 11: FULL DAY BENG MEALEA AND BANTEAY SREI

Morning, start your tour at 8:00AM, visit an ancient Hindu temple at the countryside, BANTEAY SREY (citadel of women, 35Km north of Siem Reap), building began in the year 968- and was completed in the year 1,001 AD. Dedicated to Shiva God. In Cambodia, it is a unique pink sandstone temple which has most beautiful deep carvings.

Afternoon, visit Beng Mealea built in the 12th century, the layout and style of Beng Mealea is very similar to Angkor Wat. It's current state, however, is dominated by jungle. Trees have grown out of the towers and vines entangle columns. Lintels and others building blocks lay around in a tumble and require visitors to climb up and down as they approach the completely collapsed central towers. Ancient capital of Khmer Empire of Rolouse group such as Lolei, Bakong and Preah Ko temples.

**Meal: Breakfast**

**Accommodation: Overnight at hotel in Siem Reap (3\*, 4\* or 5\*)**

### DAY 12: SIEM REAP DEPARTURE

Free at leisure until transfer to airport for departure flight... Thank you for travelling with us!

**Meal: Breakfast**

### **4. EXTENSION TOURS:**

Add-on beach relaxation or tours to neighbor countries; Laos, Vietnam & Myanmar

**5. PRICE: All rates are per person sharing DBL or TWN/FB Basis, in US dollar, net and non-commissionable.**

**Date: 01 Oct 2015 – 30 Apr 2016**

Description	2 pax	3-4 pax	5-6 pax	7-8 pax	9-10 pax	Single Supp
First Class	1,502	1,316	1,256	1,155	1,115	+426
Superior packages	1,736	1,550	1,490	1,389	1,349	+687
Deluxe packages	2,301	2,115	2,055	1,954	1,914	+1200

**Date: 01 May 2016 – 30 Sep 2016**

Description	2 pax	3-4 pax	5-6 pax	7-8 pax	9-10 pax	Single Supp
First Class	1,471	1,285	1,225	1,124	1,084	+395
Superior packages	1,635	1,449	1,389	1,288	1,247	+586
Deluxe packages	2,184	1,998	1,938	1,837	1,797	+1082

**Date: 01 Oct 2016 – 31 Dec 2016**

Description	2 pax	3-4 pax	5-6 pax	7-8 pax	9-10 pax	Single Supp
First Class	1,528	1,342	1,282	1,181	1,141	+452
Superior packages	1,755	1,569	1,510	1,408	1,368	+706
Deluxe packages	2,348	2,162	2,103	2,001	1,961	+1247

## **SURCHARGE FOR FLIGHT TICKET**

**Note:** Subject to be changed without prior noticed

- From Bangkok (BKK) to Vientiane (VTE): US\$ 240 per person
- From Vientiane (VTE) to Luang Prabang (LPQ): US\$ 106 per person
- From Luang Prabang (LPQ) to Siem Reap (REP): US\$ 218 per person

## **WHAT IS INCLUDED**

- Accommodation in a twin or double room with daily breakfast
- Lunch or dinner as specified in the itinerary
- Services of a driver and private air-conditioned vehicle during all tours and transfers.
- Experienced English-speaking guide during all tours and transfers
- Private board for sightseeing as mentioned in the program, Entrance fees for all visits as mentioned in the itinerary
- Mineral water is available as complementary

## **WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED**

- International & Domestic flight tickets
- Meals, if not specified in the itinerary
- Gratuities for guides and drivers
- Visa stamping fee at the airport in Siem reap (US\$ 30 in Cambodia, US\$ 30 in Laos, paid by cash at the airport)
- Travel insurance (we highly recommend that you purchase adequate insurance)
- Personal expenses, such as laundry, telephone, drinks, etc. All other services not specified in the itinerary
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## **LIST OF HOTELS USED:**

<b>Destination</b>	<b>First Class – 3 star</b>	<b>Superior packages – 4 star</b>	<b>Deluxe packages – 5 star</b>
<b>Bangkok</b>	<b>A-One Bangkok Hotel</b> <i>Superior Room incl ABF</i> <a href="http://www.a-onehotel.com/bangkok">www.a-onehotel.com/bangkok</a>	<b>Amari Watergate Hotel</b> <i>Deluxe Room incl. ABF</i> <a href="http://www.amari.com/watergate">www.amari.com/watergate</a>	<b>Centara Grand at Central World</b> <i>Superior World Room incl. ABF</i> <a href="http://www.centarahotelsresorts.com">www.centarahotelsresorts.com</a>
<b>Vientiane</b>	<b>Lao Orchid Hotel</b> <i>Deluxe Room</i> <a href="http://www.lao-orchid.com/">www.lao-orchid.com/</a>	<b>Salana Boutique Hotel</b> <i>Superior Room</i> <a href="http://www.salanaboutique.com/">www.salanaboutique.com/</a>	<b>Green Park Boutique Hotel</b> <i>Deluxe Room</i> <a href="http://www.greenparkvientiane.com">www.greenparkvientiane.com</a>
<b>Luang Prabang</b>	<b>My Dream Resort</b> <i>Classic Room</i> <a href="http://www.mydreamresort.com">www.mydreamresort.com</a>	<b>Villa Santi Resort</b> <i>Deluxe Room</i> <a href="http://www.villasantihotel.com">www.villasantihotel.com</a>	<b>Kiridara Hotel</b> <i>Deluxe Mountain View Room</i> <a href="http://www.snhcollection.com/kiridara">www.snhcollection.com/kiridara</a>
<b>Siem Reap</b>	<b>Steung Siem Reap</b> <i>Superior Room</i> <a href="http://www.steungsiemreaphotel.com">www.steungsiemreaphotel.com</a>	<b>Somadevi Angkor Hotel</b> <i>Superior Room</i> <a href="http://www.somadeviangkor.com">www.somadeviangkor.com</a>	<b>Borei Angkor Resort</b> <i>Deluxe Room</i> <a href="http://www.boreiangkor.com">www.boreiangkor.com</a>

## **IMPORTANT NOTE:**

- All prices are quoted in USD/ per person, based on Double/Twin occupancy
- Supplement for standard Thailand, Laos & Cambodia menu meals: US\$ 14 for lunch & US\$ 18 for dinner

- Private services & daily departure
- Quotation is quoted based on English speaking guide: Surcharge for other guide
  - Supplement for German Speaking guide: USD 15/day per group
  - Supplement for Spanish Speaking guide: USD 20/day per group
  - Supplement for Italian Speaking guide: USD 35/day per group
- Surcharge for Compulsory dinner for Xmas and New Year Eve
- Surcharge for Peak Season at above mentioned hotels (if have)